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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING BOOKMARKS WHEN LISTENING TO PREVIOUSLY RECORDED AUDIO PROGRAMS (AS AMENDED)

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# Notice of Allowability

Application No.  
08/682,034

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Examiner  
Bharat Barot

Group Art Unit  
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed on 02/19/1999.

☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-30

☐ The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_ are acceptable.

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☐ All ☐ Some\* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been

☐ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\*Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

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☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.

☒ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS

☒ because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.

☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_, which has been approved by the examiner.

☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

## Attachment(s)

☒ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

☒ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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1. Applicant's response for claims 1-30 and amendment for claims 1, 9, 17, 22, and 25 have been received on February 19, 1999 (Paper number 07); and considered.
2. The application having been allowed, formal drawings are required in response to this Office Action.

### **Reasons For Allowance**

3. The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance :  
Claims 1-30 are allowable over the prior art of record.

The examiner has found that the prior art of record fails to disclose or suggest or render obvious, a method and an apparatus for facilitating a user's review of previously recorded audio file over at least two review sessions; and fails to teach the step of :  
when the user terminates a first review session, storing in a memory associated with the audio file an indication of a user's progress in reviewing the audio file during the first review session, wherein the stored indication can be utilized in a second review session subsequent to the termination of the first review session at set forth in the specification and recited in the independent claims 1, 9, 17, 22, and 25.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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**Additional References**

5. The following references are cited by the examiner as of general interest.
- a. Schulhof et al, U.S. Patent No. 5,841,979.
  - b. Logan et al, U.S. Patent No. 5,732,216.

**Contact Information**

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Bharat Barot** whose telephone number is (703) 305-4092. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Glenton Burgess**, can be reached on (703) 305-4792. The fax phone number for examiner's Art Unit or Group is (703) 308-5357.

Any inquiry of general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

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Patent Examiner Bharat Barot

Art Unit 2758

February 22, 1999

  
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